

Prv 9:1-6
Eph 5:15-20 ; Jn 6:51-58

Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!



Servers

19 Aug Grahame Adams
26 Aug Paul Harris

Readers

19 Aug 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Intercessions John Woodward
26 Aug 1st Reader Elaine Jackson
2nd Reader Basil Jackson
Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion

19 Aug Elizabeth Doolan & Michelle Davis
26 Aug Michelle Davis & Carla Endean

Counters

19 Aug Barbara Grieves
26 Aug Marilyn Rowe

Morning Tea

19 Aug Monica Bright
26 Aug George Commens

Church Care

24 Aug Margaret Solomons & Catherine McNamara

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 19th August 2018

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a central doctrine of the Catholic faith. It is regarded as a revealed truth proved by both scripture and tradition. This week's gospel, is an essential passage of scripture that supports the teaching of Christ present in the Eucharist. The other proof of the doctrine is tradition. Since the first century, only a brief time after the death of Jesus, Christians linked their celebration of Eucharist with the words of Jesus at the last supper – they celebrated Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus.

Next Week:

Jos 24:1-2, 15-18 ; Eph 5:21-32
Jn 6:60-69

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy is available for parents to use when young children are restless.



St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Ant: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Communion Ant: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Feast Days of the Week (20 August to 25 August)

20th St Bernard abbot, doctor
21st St Pius X pope
22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23rd St Rose of Lima virgin
24th St Bartholomew apostle
25th St Joseph Calasanz priest

Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

As a community bonded together through faith, we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day, in particular, those in our local community.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present, including those who may be with us today.

Blackheath	Sunday Mass	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturdays	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
Mount Victoria	Vigil Mass (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	6.00pm
Megalong Valley	Vigil Mass (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	6.00pm

Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan

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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm

(Emergency only)

Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm

E-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com

Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

Parish House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
St Paul's Church: 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
St Joseph's Church: 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Sunday of each month.
If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob; Diana Landsberg (Chair); John Barclay (Deputy Chair) or Patricia Dee (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) call Monica Bright 4757 3943.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>



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FOR THE SECOND TIME, I'M BACK:

As I indicated a couple of weeks ago, last week I had a cataract removed from my left eye. Recovery was slower than expected, the inevitable result being that I couldn't see well enough to drive by week's end. Thanks to Fr. Paul Hanna, a possible crisis was avoided and the normal weekend Masses were celebrated by him. Huge thanks, Fr. Paul! Yesterday (Tuesday), however, things had improved enough for me to return to this fold. So thank you everyone for your patience these past five weeks or so as I rested and underwent some minor repairs to the body old!

NOT THE POPE PAR (anonymous!):

"Like the Magi – no one comes to Christ and goes back the same way!"

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:

This weekend has been set aside for the promotion of vocations. A video produced by the Diocesan Communication Unit will be shown at the Blackheath mass this weekend. There will be an open day today at the seminary at Harris park for anyone interested in becoming a priest.

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED & SICK CLERGY 2018:

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000. The Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal will be held on the Father's Day weekend of September 1 – 2.

A third collection will be held on this September weekend during Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish to make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No. 001691 in the name of CSF with reference to your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

BISHOP VINCENT'S 25-26 AUGUST VISIT:

Much has already been done to make this a memorable visit for our bishop. However, as at tonight (Wednesday evening) I am still 'sussing-out' more of those details. Planning for the visit is well advanced and progressing quite well. More today at Mass! As for me, I would like to see our bishop meet as many parishioners as possible and visit as much of the district as can reasonably be arranged in the time available (people & place!).

THE DROUGHT: As the drought is still well and truly with us, we are once more including the August 5 Bulletin prayer below for us to pray in community. Please join us!

"Gracious God, provider of all our needs, we humbly thank you for your most loving compassion and generosity in providing everything we are and have, including the soil we till, the seed we sow and the water we use to grow the food that keeps us alive in this world.

We know that without water neither human nor animal can survive, for nothing can grow in a waterless land such as we are experiencing at present. Lord, please intervene and bring to an end this catastrophic drought that is causing so much heartache, hardship and loss, especially for so many of our country cousins. Let it rain and otherwise help us to assist those affected through your love for them and us and in our prayers to you on their behalf. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen."

God Bless! Fr. Bob

URGENT HELP IS NEEDED

As reported recently in our Bulletin, Council has ordered that the Parish remove a large quantity of Holly and Cotoneaster and other "Priority Weeds" from our grounds. A small team has already done much of the hard work ... but we now have a mountain of green waste to dispose of!!

Your help is needed to finish the job!

The Plan ... From 8am on Wednesday August 29th we need the help of a battalion of parishioners – suitably armed with sharp secateurs and loppers, to cut up the waste and prepare it for disposal.

Can you spare 2-3 hours during the morning? It is not hard or heavy work!

If you can help, please contact: John Tweedie (0407288957,

Lance Hodgkinson (47878096) or David Buckley (0400208707)

Council has given us a few week's extension to finish this job – your help is needed! The alternative is to engage private contractors and to pay Council tipping fees – expenses the parish simply cannot afford!

In response to the many generous and concerned communities hearing the call to reach out in the current drought crisis, especially to rural and farming communities, St Vincent de Paul have launched a drought appeal.

Donations can be made here -

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#!state=nsw&appeal=159>

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Ray Wood.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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(1967)